

**Improvements and Upgrades for
west side of Matheson Hammock Park**



PROJECT QUICK FACTS

- Project Cost: \$3.3 million, part of Matheson Hammock Park Master Plan
- Adding Amenities to Reflect and Balance Desires of Diverse Parkgoers (community meetings held in 2008 and 2015)
- Timeline for Construction: Summer through Fall 2021 (approximately 90 days)
- Dog-Friendly Environment - Second-Largest Fenced-In Dog Park in Miami-Dade County Parks System (two acres); Patrons will still be able to walk their dogs on a leash.
- New Walking Trails with Access to All Amenities – Habitats, Recreational Features, Dog Run
- Old Cutler Road Parking Lot Paving with ADA-compliant Handicapped Persons' Spaces
- 110 Parking Spaces Across the Street with Park Access Via Enhanced Pedestrian Walkway on Old Cutler Road
- Walkway/Elevated Boardwalk Improvements - ADA Compliant - Enhanced design to be environmentally friendly. It will allow for vegetation to grow underneath the boardwalk and permit the natural flow of water through the hammock.
- Added Security Personnel - Staffing with Parks Rangers during parks hours, Sunrise to Sunset

FOCUS ON RESILIENCY

- Habitat Protection
- Education using Interpretive Signage Describing the History of the Park
- Premier Trail for Birding and Wildlife Observation
- One of the Last Remaining Pristine Hardwood Hammocks in Miami-Dade County
- New Trail Provides Access to all Amenities, including Nature Habitats

IMPROVEMENTS

- Restoration of the Historic Coral Rock Nursery
- Additional Eco-Educational Programs
- Additional Hiking, Jogging, Cycling Trails
- Open Areas for Picnics and Exploration
- Pedestrian Crossing between East Side of Park and West Side of Park

About Matheson Hammock Park

Matheson Hammock Park is approximately 462 acres.

East of Old Cutler Road: 353 acres

West of Old Cutler Road: 109 acres

Located in Commission District 7 and situated in Coral Gables

Matheson Hammock Park is a Metropolitan and a Heritage Park recognized by the County for its historical significance as its first park. As described in the County's Comprehensive Development Master Plan and Park and Open Space Master Plan, the service area for Metropolitan Parks is countywide, affording and encouraging access and usage by all residents of and visitors to Miami-Dade County.

Metropolitan Parks are typically 200+ acres natural, resource-based parks with important environmental features. These parks attract both residents and nonresidents and offer a variety of recreation opportunities such as beach swimming, marina boating and nature trail hiking. Each activity is integral to and reliant on the resource itself. They are most often found along the Atlantic Ocean or Biscayne Bay, close to salt water and its accompanying natural areas.

Metropolitan parks serve all 2.8 million residents of Miami-Dade County, as well as visitors.

Access to metropolitan parks is provided along major roadways, not small neighborhood roads.

